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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit to Detachment "H", 22-24 April 1962 (Project IDEALIST)

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2. Activity at the detachment was at a minimum due to the stand-down order caused by the bad fuel.

gave me a complete tour of his installation, indicating the high and low points of the facilities. I feel eventually additional construction to shelter ground support equipment will be necessary. Presently, everything but the Articles and shops are out-of-doors, exposing this equipment to high humidity and heavy rains during some seasons of the year.

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3. During my stay, Article 378 was test hopped and checked out okay after an extensive bad maintenance history. The primary villian was the J-75 engine installed that required at EGT of 460°C to transit the badlands and was vibrating considerably at low cruise RPM. After the engine change the article flew fine. I spoke to

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about a previous recommendation to install a track which would ease the movement of aircraft in and our of the hangar. His present thinking was to remain status quo. He feels that expense and time down for construction is not warranged at this time. Detachment personnel; Admin, Commo, Supply, etc., have all become quite adept at sig-zagging Articles in and out of the hangar. It's a real team work operation.

4. This anit is very mission oriented and mission conscious; all seem to work well together, the morale is high and everyone seemed in good spirits.

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